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Claims 2-6 and 11-20 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 11 has been amended into independent form and claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 12-14 and 17-20 have been amended to change their dependency from claim 1 to claim 11.

Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that 6, 11, 12, 14-16 would be <u>allowable</u> if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits, however, that all of claims 1-20 are <u>allowable</u>.

However, merely in an effort to speed prosecution and to place the Application in condition for immediate allowance, Applicant has amended allowable claim 11 into independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 12-14 and 17-20 to depend from allowable claim 11.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 2-6 and 11-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone

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number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or

personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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